



FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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Welcome to Friday Night Facts ! This week has been very busy putting the last minute touches on the Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism. As of 11 a.m. Friday, over 650 people had pre-registered for the conference. We are excited to provide so much information and training for people who want to be better volunteers in their communities. Walk-in registration will be allowed on Monday, so if you have the time, come to the conference. There is still room for a few more registrants.

In next week's Friday Night Facts, we will begin a series of informational articles about preparing the Flu Pandemic. I know, many of you think that this predicted tragedy will not happen. However, in the event the pandemic does strike, we want Hoosiers to be prepared. We will bring you as much information as possible about how to prepare for this potential disaster. Keep in mind that the information we provide can be used to prepare your family, church, community based organization or your business for any disaster. This will be information you can use now. Take care and stay tuned for more information from the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

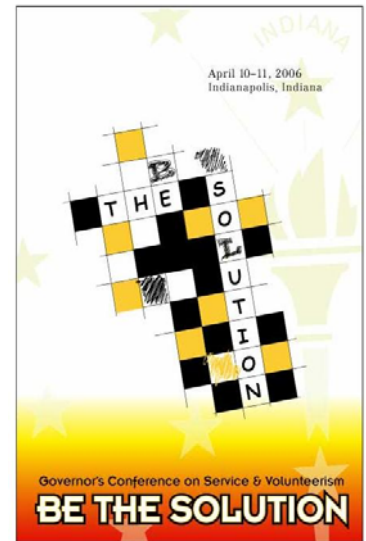
THIS IS IT!



The **2006 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism** is finally here! We have been planning, organizing and talking about this event for several months and now it is time for us to show you what we have accomplished.

Walk-in conference registrations are still available on Monday, April 10th and Tuesday, April 11th. The fee is \$175.00. However, if you are a walk-in registrant you will not be able to purchase a ticket for Monday evening's Awards Dinner.

If you have any last minute questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office at 317-232-2503.



"The influence of a beautiful, helpful character is contagious, and may revolutionize a whole town."

Collier Graham



Purdue University EPICS Program and Indiana Women's Prison Partnership

Engineering Projects in Community Service, EPICS, was founded at Purdue in 1995. The EPICS program is a unique one in which teams of undergraduates from over 20 different departments and majors work in multidisciplinary teams spanning all grade levels to service Greater Lafayette and West Lafayette communities.

Each team is partnered with a local non-for-profit organization and assists them with their individual causes and goals. In most cases, this consists of a service project that can last months or even years in an effort to better serve the community. Each team is advised by a separate teaching assistant and advisor either of Purdue faculty, staff, engineers from local industry, or a graduate teaching assistant.

The foundation of the EPICS program is to provide students the opportunity to gain teamwork skills, business, design process, and management experience learning leadership and communication skills often found in corporate business activities. This is done in conjunction with the overall goal to teach students the responsibility we all have to serve our great community to improve the quality of life for those around us.

EPICS has now become a national program for combining service learning and community needs that has spread to 17 other universities across the nation. Over 1350 students participated on 140 teams in 2003-2004. Purdue is the headquarters for the National EPICS Program. Many of the teams have the unique opportunity to use the valuable resources of the Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) in downtown Indianapolis. The IWP assists various EPICS teams in construction of various components of service projects.

In the near future the IWP will be delivering some of the projects that they have been working on for some of our EPICS teams. Specifically the Lafayette Crisis Center (LCC) team and the Greater Lafayette Area Special Services—Assistive Technology, (GLASS-AT) team have projects that will soon be delivered. In addition, all the EPICS teams have service projects that truly serve the community. To learn more about EPICS, please visit their website at <http://epics.ecn.purdue.edu/>



Linking Volunteer Leadership with the Nonprofit Community
May 1, 2006 from 4 – 7 PM at the Glendale Mall

An annual opportunity designed to provide a vehicle for participating nonprofit organizations in Central Indiana is in need of qualified board members and volunteers to make connections with a diverse and broad segment of individuals who are interested in making a positive impact on our community. Representatives from the organizations will be on-hand to meet with potential board members and volunteers to offer information about their particular areas of service, mission, strategic goals and volunteer opportunities. More than 400 attendees and various representatives from about 70 nonprofits are expected to participate.

The event is free to attendees but exhibitors pay a small fee. Participating exhibitors complete a six-month survey in December that details the number of new board and committee members. The 2005 results include 188 newly involved individuals – 83 new board and committee members and 105 leadership volunteers.

For more information, please contact Christina at the Lacy Leadership Association, 615 N. Alabama Street, Suite 119, Indianapolis, IN 46204, 317-634-2423 ext. 124, or visit their website at www.lacyleadership.org



Historic High Speed to the Heartland Initiative for Rural Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS, April 6, 2006 – Gov. Mitch Daniels joined Sen. Brandt Hershman, Rep. Mike Murphy and AT&T Indiana President George Fleetwood today to announce a “High Speed to the Heartland” initiative that will bring new broadband service to 33 rural communities across the state. Industry observers expect this effort to be the first of several telecom industry investment announcements resulting from strong, bipartisan passage of House Bill 1279.

The initiative, to be completed in the next 12 months, will bring high speed digital subscriber line (DSL) Internet service to every central office in Indiana operated by AT&T. Once completed, the build-out will bring DSL service to rural towns as small as Stewart (population: 268) in Warren County.

“Our new telecom law, the best in the country, is already producing results for Hoosiers: more choices for consumers, and brighter economic prospects for our small towns,” said Gov. Daniels. “Access to good roads plus access to high speed broadband equals a new era of opportunity for our small communities. 2006 will be recalled as the year of reconnection and recommitment to the towns that made our state great.

As of today, AT&T Indiana provides DSL service to some 46 rural communities across the state with populations under 10,000 people. Through this High Speed to the Heartland initiative, AT&T will also bring DSL to the rural areas of: Andrews, Bruceville, Bellmore, Boswell, Chrisney, Dana, Dugger, Elizabethtown, Flat Rock, Heltonville, Jasonville, Kingman, Kirklin, Lagro, Lake Village, Mechanicsburg, Michigantown, Mellott, Marshall, Montezuma, New Market, New Washington, Otterbein, Paragon, Rosedale, Shelby, Solitude, Sandridge, Spencerville, Stewart, Tennyson, West Lebanon and Waynetown.

This is great news for our faith-based and community based organizations as it will help greatly in accessing grant opportunities.

Grant Opportunity

Department of Health & Human Services
Administration for Children and Families

Today, in communities across the country, there are young people living on the streets, running from or being asked to leave homes characterized by abuse, neglect, or parental drug or alcohol abuse. Once on the streets, such youth are at risk of being sexually exploited or abused by adults for pleasure or profit. Street youth may be drawn into shoplifting, survival sex or dealing drugs in order to earn money for food, shelter, clothing and other daily expenses. They often drop out of school and try to survive with little or no contact with medical professionals.

The purpose of the Street Outreach Program (SOP) is to enable programs to help young people leave the streets. The goal of the program is to conduct outreach efforts to build relationships between street outreach staff and street youth. These efforts will provide support services that will assist youth in moving and adjusting to safe and appropriate alternative living arrangements to become independent, self-sufficient, contributing members of society.

Deadline for the grant is May 18. There will be 25-50 awards, averaging about \$100,000 per year for three years. For more information, visit <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-ACYF-YO-0105.html>



The Help is Here Express

Need help getting the medicines your doctor prescribes?
*You may qualify for one of more than 475 programs, many of which offer
 free or nearly-free prescription drugs.*

There's a fast and convenient way to see if you may qualify...
 The Partnership for Prescription Assistance's "Help Is Here Express!"

The schedule for the Partnership for Prescription Assistance "Help is Here Express" second visit to Indiana has been finalized, and volunteers and beneficiaries are welcome to attend an event close to them. Between April 10 and 14, the bus will visit at least six cities.

Mon. April 10:	10 AM — 12 PM 2 PM — 4 PM	WorkOne Gary, 1776 W. 37 Ave, Gary, 46408 Healthy East Chicago Center 100 W. Chicago Ave, E. Chicago, 46312
Tue. April 11:	10 AM — 12 PM	Coveleski Stadium 501 W. South St, South Bend, 46634
Wed. April 12:	10 AM — 12 PM	Fort Wayne Urban League 2135 South Hanna St, Fort Wayne, 46803
Thur. April 13:	1 PM — 3 PM	The Caring Place, an outreach of Calvary Temple 22 nd St. and College Ave., Indianapolis, 46202
Fri. April 14	10 AM — 12 PM	Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library, Central Branch, 200 SE Martin Luther King, Jr. St. Evansville, 47713

The event in Indianapolis will feature Montel Williams, an Emmy-winning syndicated talk show host, author and motivational speaker, who has been traveling the country on behalf of the Partnership for Prescription Assistance. Also speaking at the event will be PhRMA Senior Vice President Ken Johnson, Eli Lilly and Company Chairman and CEO Sidney Taurel and Indiana State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Judith Monroe.

If you are interested in volunteering at the event or plan to attend, please contact RxforIndiana@bjmpr.com.

April 29th and 30th Are.... Indiana **Blue** Saturday/Sunday Faith Initiative

In April 2006 **Prevent Child Abuse** Indiana, Inc. encourages members of the faith community in Indiana to work "Hand-In-Hand" with prevention organizations to raise awareness of child abuse and the importance of preventing the pain of abuse before it occurs. For the first time **Prevent Child Abuse** Indiana is including National **Blue** Sunday in its statewide efforts for Indiana Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Awareness Month in April. Places of worship throughout Indiana are invited to participate on Saturday or Sunday to join the millions already involved in the National **Blue** Sunday Initiative.

National **Blue** Sunday began 10 years ago when 20 places of worship took time during their worship services on the last Sunday of April (Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month) to pray for the victims of child abuse, and for those who serve and protect them. The international effort, founded and directed by the **Blue** Sunday Child Abuse Prevention Initiative, has grown to include more than 2 million participants.

It's Simple and Important!
Nothing to join - No fees - No meetings

Just ask your place of worship to do any or all of the following:
Take time during a service on April 29 or April 30 to pray for:

Children in Indiana who have died from abuse or neglect.
Children in Indiana who have been abused and neglected.
Parents and caregivers who are doing their very best to
protect and love their children.
The professionals who help children and families every day.

Display or wear royal **blue** ribbons.
Honor members who go "above and beyond" to value children

Email **Prevent Child Abuse** Indiana at generalinfo@pcain.org to let them know that you have been a part of Indiana **Blue** Saturday and Sunday.

